IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Presently Amended) A method for organizing and grouping metadata for display during operation of a program, the method comprising:

~~selecting a set of fields of metadata;~~

during the operation of the program, receiving a selection from a user of ~~selecting~~ a category property set from a plurality of category property sets, wherein each of the category property sets defines the data fields for a selected category of content files;

~~designating at least a portion of the set of fields of metadata as being related to the category property set so as to create a set of property set fields;~~

during the operation of the program, ~~selecting~~ receiving a selection from the user of a first display set that defines a first set of metadata;

during the operation of the program, receiving instructions from the user that ~~designating~~ at least a portion of the set of category property set fields ~~as being~~ are related to the first display set ~~so as to create a set of first display set fields~~;

during the operation of the program, receiving a selection from the user of a ~~selecting a~~ second display set that defines a second set of metadata;

during the operation of the program, receiving instructions from a user that designate that ~~designating,~~ at least a portion of the set of category property set fields ~~as being~~ are related to the second display ~~set so as to create a set of second display set fields~~; and

during the operation of the program ~~in response to selecting the category property set~~, displaying at least a portion of the first ~~and~~ or second display set fields.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein a property set field may be related to more than one display set.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein a display set may be related to more than one property set field.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein selecting a set of fields of metadata includes:

creating new fields of metadata;

using existing fields of metadata; or

creating new fields of metadata and using existing fields of metadata.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein selecting a property set includes:

creating a new property set; or

using an existing property set.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein selecting a first display set includes:

creating a new display set; or

using an existing display set.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein selecting a second display set includes:

creating a new display set; or

using an existing display set.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising storing at least one of the set of fields of metadata, the property set, the set of property set fields, the first display set, the set of first display set fields, the second display grouping, or the set of second display set fields in a database.

9. (Presently Amended) A method for organizing metadata during the operation of a program, the method comprising:

in response to a user request, creating a category property set, wherein each of the category property sets defines the data fields for a selected category of content files;

selecting a set of metadata fields related to the category property set;

creating a set of display groupings; and

grouping the selected set of metadata fields into at least one of the display groupings to form metadata field groupings.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 9, further comprising storing the property set, the set of display groupings, and the metadata field groupings in a database.

11. (Presently Amended) A method for dynamically displaying a set of metadata field data having specific display relationships on a plurality of platforms and during the operation of a program, the method comprising:

identifying ~~receiving~~ a category property set, wherein the category property sets is associated with a set of display groupings and a set of metadata fields wherein the metadata fields are related to at least one of the display groupings;

dynamically generating a display structure comprising display grouping structures that are based at least in part upon the set of display groupings;

dynamically populating the display groupings with metadata field structures ~~wherein the metadata field structures are related to at least one of the metadata fields~~;

~~receiving a set of metadata field data related to the set of metadata fields;~~

B5 dynamically populating the metadata field structures with the related metadata field data; and

displaying the display structure.

12. (Original) The method of Claim 11, wherein receiving a set of metadata field data includes:

sending a request for metadata field data to a metadata database; and

receiving a set of metadata field data from the metadata database related to the request.

13. (Presently Amended) A method for allowing a user to edit metadata using a graphical user interface display on a plurality of platforms during the operation of a program, the method comprising:

querying a metadata database for a set of metadata data;

dynamically displaying the set of metadata data in a display window in a graphical user B6 interface wherein the set of metadata data is organized into category sets and display window groups;

receiving a request from a user to alter the type of the displayed metadata data;

processing the request to alter the displayed metadata data; and

updating the display of the metadata data in the display window.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein processing the request to alter the displayed metadata data includes updating the corresponding metadata data in the metadata database.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein processing the request to alter the displayed metadata data includes logging the request in a metadata database update log.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein processing the request to alter the displayed metadata data includes processing the request to alter related metadata data that is not displayed.

17. (Previously Amended) A metadata editor system for organizing, displaying, and allowing access to metadata from a metadata database on a plurality of platforms, the metadata editor system comprising:

B7 a metadata organization database configured to store category and property information about metadata; and

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a graphical user interface display module configured to display subsets of the metadata wherein the subsets of metadata are organized by display groups, and wherein the types of fields in the display groups are configurable by a user.

18. (Original) The metadata editor system of Claim 17, wherein the metadata editor system further comprises:

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a metadata update module configured to receive updates to the metadata from a user, send the updates to the metadata database, and send the updates to the graphical user interface display module.

19. (Previously Amended) A metadata editor system for organizing, displaying, and allowing access to metadata from a metadata database on a plurality of platform, the metadata editor system comprising:

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means for storing metadata organization data wherein the metadata organization data includes groupings that define subsets of metadata as well as display sets; and

means for displaying subsets of metadata wherein the subsets of metadata are organized by display sets, and wherein the types of fields in the display groups are configurable by a user.

20. (Previously Added) The metadata editor system of Claim 17, additionally comprising a display for displaying the metadata.

21. (Previously Added) The metadata editor system of Claim 17, additionally comprising a mouse for selecting the metadata.

22. (Previously Added) The metadata editor system of Claim 19, additionally comprising a display for displaying the metadata.

23. (Previously Added) The metadata editor system of Claim 19, additionally comprising a mouse for selecting the metadata.

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24. (Presently Amended) A method of customizing the display of metadata for content files, the ~~system~~ method comprising:

identifying a category that classifies at least one content file, wherein the category is associated with a plurality of types of metadata fields, and wherein each of the types of metadata data fields has associated metadata;

providing an interface for allowing a user to modify the metadata and the types of metadata fields that are associated with the category; and

in response to user selection, displaying the metadata that is associated with the identified category.

25. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 27, wherein the category identifies a genre of music.

26. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 27, additionally comprising, in response to request from the user, adding a new type of metadata field.

27. (Previously Added) A method for organizing and grouping metadata for display, the method comprising:

selecting, via at least one graphical interface, a category property set from a plurality of category property sets;

designating, via at least one graphical interface, at least a portion of the set of fields of metadata as related to the category property set to create a set of property set fields;

selecting, via at least one graphical interface, a first display set;

designating, via at least one graphical interface, at least a portion of the set of category property set fields as related to the first display set to create a set of first display set fields;

selecting, via at least one graphical interface, a second display set;

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designating, via at least one graphical interface, at least a portion of the set of category property set fields as related to the second display set to create a set of second display set fields; and

in response to selecting the category property set, displaying at least a portion of the first and second display set fields.

28. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 27, wherein a property set field is related to more than one display set.

29. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 27, wherein a display set is related to more than one property set field.

30. (Presently Amended) A method of modifying the display groups of metadata, the method comprising:

providing a graphical user interface for allowing a user to ~~add~~ create a type of data field to a display group that identifies metadata that is to be displayed with respect to a plurality of media files;

providing a graphical user interface for allowing a user to provide data for the added data type; and

displaying the display group having the added type of data field and the provided data for the added data type.

31. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 30, wherein the added data field identifies a track name.

32. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 30, wherein the added data field describes a characteristic of an item of music.

33. (Previously Added) The method of Claim 30, wherein graphical user interface allows the user to remove a data field from the display group.

34. (Previously Added) A program storage device storing instructions that when executed performs the method comprising:

providing a graphical user interface for allowing a user to create ~~add~~ a type of data field to a display group that identifies metadata that is to be displayed with respect to a plurality of media files;

providing a graphical user interface for allowing a user to provide data for the added data type; and

displaying the display group having the added type of data field and the provided data for the added data type.

35. (Previously Added) The program storage device of Claim 34, wherein the added data field identifies a track name.

36. (Previously Added) The program storage device of Claim 34, wherein the added data field describes a characteristic of an item of music.

37. (Previously Added) The program storage device of Claim 34, wherein graphical user interface allows the user to remove a data field from the display group.